

balance their use of air, land and water resources for military training and testing with the need to conserve and rehabilitate these important ecosystems. In past National Defense Authorization Acts, Congress has made improvements to the Sikes Act and my bill, the Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011, continues this progress by proposing two significant improvements to the law.

First, my bill clarifies the scope of the Sikes Act by extending its provisions to State-owned National Guard installations, including the requirement to develop and implement Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMP) that are already required for federally-owned military installations. Another provision in this bill would make several technical and clarifying changes to the U.S. Code to make it consistent with other subheadings and titles.

As the NDAA and this legislation advance through the legislative process, I will continue to work with the DOD, and my colleagues in Congress, to modify this language to make permanent the successful invasive species management pilot program on Guam, authorized into law in 2004, and appropriately expand its scope to all military installations. The Department of Defense has supported this initiative and it is an important part of the ecosystem approach of the Sikes Act.

I want to thank Chairman BUCK MCKEON of the House Armed Services Committee for his leadership on issues affecting management of military installations and the readiness of our military forces. I also thank Chairman DOC HASTINGS of the House Natural Resources Committee for his working with me to provide additional hearings and input on the effect of this legislation. I look forward to working with my colleagues in both the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee in receiving testimony, support and views on the Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011.

REGARDING THE DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to tell the American people and especially the 9/11 family members that we have kept our promise. Today, the American people have seen justice. Osama bin Laden, the leader of the United States' top enemy, has gotten what he deserves for orchestrating the deaths of nearly 3,000 innocent Americans on September 11, 2001.

First, let me express my admiration and gratefulness to the brave men and women of our military and intelligence services who performed so valiantly during yesterday's operation. It makes me proud to know that we have so many dedicated individuals who risk their lives every day to keep us safe. These professionals succeeded in their mission to hunt down and execute al-Qaeda's leader, something we have been trying to do for the past ten years.

I want to commend President Obama for his resolve and his decision to keep the pressure on al-Qaeda and its leadership. He performed

his duties as Commander in Chief brilliantly. I also want to give credit to President Bush for promising to bring the 9/11 terrorists to justice and doing so much to keep America safe in the years following the 9/11 attacks. Both these men deserve great credit for their actions.

Today is a great day for America. It is a great day for the men and women of our military and intelligence services. It's also a great day for the family members who lost loved ones on 9/11 and have been waiting for this day for so long.

We are safer today because Osama bin Laden is no longer on this earth. He and so many of his collaborators have been hunted down, captured or killed. And while this is another highly positive development in the global war on terrorism that we are winning, we realize it is not over. We must continue to be vigilant and counter the diabolical threat of Islamic extremism.

May God Bless America and all the brave men and women who protect us at home and overseas. And may the death of Osama bin Laden bring some peace and closure to those who lost loved ones on September 11th, 2001.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 2011

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today is Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Israel as Yom Ha'Shoah U'Gvura—a day to commemorate Holocaust victims and heroes. It is observed each year on the anniversary of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

It cannot escape us that this year, this observance coincides with the killing of Osama Bin Laden, a ruthless murderer who embodied the worst hatred and cruelty that was a trademark of the Nazi era. It is also coincides with the anniversary of Hitler's death.

As we remember the victims of the Holocaust and the victims of 9/11, we reflect on the hatred and violence indoctrinated by Bin Laden and Hitler to fuel their murders.

We pay tribute to the heroes who risked their lives to bring the perpetrators of these crimes to justice.

We memorialize innocent lives cut short and we strengthen our resolve to fight the extremism and intolerance that foster terrorism and genocide.

I join my colleagues in marking this momentous confluence of events with grief for the past and hope for the future, so that we may proclaim with conviction: "Never Again."

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR. VINCENT PAUL BRUNO

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Dr. Vincent Paul Bruno. Vincent Paul Bruno was a native of Florida's First

Congressional District. After graduating from Pensacola Catholic High School in 1943, Dr. Bruno joined the Navy, serving his country with honor and distinction in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After returning from combat, Dr. Bruno attended the University of Florida for his undergraduate studies, and in 1954, he received his doctorate from Loyola University School of Dentistry in New Orleans, Louisiana. After his graduation from Loyola, Dr. Bruno returned to his hometown of Pensacola, Florida where he practiced dentistry for 48 years.

In addition to his dental practice, Dr. Bruno was also an esteemed leader in the civic community. From 1965 to 1977, he served on the Pensacola City Council. Dr. Bruno also served a term as Mayor Pro Tem of Pensacola. In addition to his civic duties, Dr. Bruno was also a member of the American Dental Association, the Escambia Santa-Rosa County Dental Association, where he served a term as President, the Knights of Columbus and St. Michael's Parish Council.

Dr. Bruno is survived by his wife, Anita Faye Fowler Bruno; his sister, Angela Fishburn of Pensacola; his daughters: the Honorable Patricia Sheppard (the Reverend Dr. Thomas Mikelson) of North Adams, MA, Margaret LeBeau (Dr. Jacques) of Navarre, Ann Ferretti (Dr. Thomas) of Pensacola, Barbara del Castillo (Dr. Hector) of Houston, TX and his sons: V. Paul Bruno, Jr., Harry S. Bruno, and Peter F. Bruno (Sue) all of Pensacola; stepdaughter, Dawn Cagle of Madisonville, KY; and 19 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

To some Dr. Vincent Paul Bruno will be remembered as a professional and caring dentist, and to others, as a civic leader in the Northwest Florida community. He will forever be remembered by his family and friends as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, and his impact on Northwest Florida will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to recognize the life of Dr. Vincent Paul Bruno. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our thoughts and prayers to the entire Bruno family.

HONORING DR. ROBERT C. MESSINA JR.'S SERVICE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr., as he enters his 25th year of visionary leadership as President of Burlington County College.

During Dr. Messina's leadership, Burlington County College has grown substantially, now educating more than 11,000 students per year. The College received 22 commendations in its recent reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, more than any other college in New Jersey. Their recent achievements are a strong reflection of Dr. Messina's tireless efforts. His work has benefitted the entire South Jersey community, enriching residents' quality of life through sponsorship of cultural and regional activities.

Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr. should also be recognized as a humanitarian. He frequently